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In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A billiards rack in combination with for receiving billiards balls ~~and for use on~~ a pocket billiards table, the table having a foot string, a foot spot and a head string, comprising:

a) a first loop, said first loop having a first circular wall for receiving a plurality of billiards balls therein, said first wall having an inner and outer surface;

b) a second loop, said second loop having a second circular wall for receiving a plurality of billiards balls therein, said second wall having an inner and outer surface; and,

c) wherein said outer surface of said first and second walls are directly joined together, the outer surface of said first wall being in direct contact with the outer surface of said second wall.

2. (original) The billiards rack of Claim 1, wherein said first and second loop are the same size.

3. (original) The billiards rack of Claim 1, wherein said first and second loop are each sized to receive seven billiards balls, wherein six balls are disposed around the perimeter of each loop and one ball is disposed in the center of each loop.

4. (original) The billiards rack of Claim 3, wherein said first and second loop are joined together with a bonding agent.

5. (original) The billiards rack of Claim 4, wherein said first and second loop are made of rigid material.

6-8. (canceled)

9. (withdrawn) A method of playing a pocket billiards game, comprising the steps of:

a) providing a pocket billiards table having a foot string, a foot spot, ~~a head string,~~ and a cue ball;

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b) providing a billiards rack having a first and second loop, the first and second loop being circular for receiving a plurality of billiards balls therein, the first and second loops having an inner and outer surface, wherein the outer surface of the first and second loops are fixedly joined together, wherein the first and second loop are the same size, and wherein the first and second loop are each sized to receive seven billiards balls, wherein six balls are disposed around the perimeter of each loop and one ball is disposed in the center of each loop;

c) placing seven balls in the first loop of the billiards rack;

d) forming an arrangement of balls by placing one of the six balls disposed around the perimeter of the first loop of the billiards rack on the foot spot of the billiards table, removing the first loop from around the balls to form an arrangement of seven balls so that the center ball is also on the centerline of the table;

e) using the cue ball to break up the arrangement of seven balls;

and,

f) playing a game of seven ball pool.

10. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

a) placing a first billiards ball on the foot spot; and,

b) wherein the step of forming an arrangement of balls is accomplished by placing one of the six balls disposed around the perimeter of the first loop of the billiards rack on the center line of the billiards table directly behind the first billiards ball so that the center ball is also on the center line of the billiards table.

11. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

a) eliminating the step of placing a first billiards ball on the foot spot;

b) placing seven balls in the second loop of the billiards rack; and,

c) wherein the step of forming an arrangement of balls is accomplished by placing the tangent point between the first and second loop on the center line

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of the billiards table so that the edge of the first and second loop is on the foot string and the billiards balls are all located behind the foot string.

12. (withdrawn) The method of Claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

- a) placing a first billiards ball on the foot spot; and,
- b) wherein the step of forming an arrangement of balls is

accomplished by placing the tangent point between the first and second loop on the center line of the billiards table so that the edge of the first and second loop is on the foot string and the billiards balls are all located behind the foot string.

13. (currently amended) A billiards rack in combination with ~~for receiving~~ billiards balls and ~~for use on~~ a pocket billiards table, the table having a foot string, a foot spot and a head string, comprising:

- a) a first loop, said first loop having a first circular wall of flexible material for receiving a plurality of billiards balls therein, said first wall having an inner and outer surface;
- b) a second loop, said second loop having a second circular wall of flexible material for receiving a plurality of billiards balls therein, said second wall having an inner and outer surface; and,
- c) a rigid plate joining said first and second loops together, said plate connecting a point on said outer surface tangent to each of said first and second loop, wherein said plate is parallel to a line connecting the centers of said first and second loops.

14. (previously presented) The billiards rack of claim 13 wherein said loops are collapsible for storage and portability.